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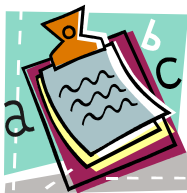
*November 2006
Labor Force Estimates
(not seasonally adjusted)
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This newsletter is a monthly report on a variety of statistical data for the Muncie MSA and Region. There are eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions in Indiana. The Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6 includes: Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union and Wayne Counties.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

RANK – November 2006	COUNTY
1	Fayette
10	Blackford
12	Randolph
13	Wayne
20	Henry
22	Delaware
34	Union
71	Rush
75	Jay
92	Hamilton (2.7)



SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT November 2006 (not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	3.7%
Kentucky	5.2%
Michigan	6.5%
Ohio	5.1%

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate 2006	Rate 2005
U. S.	152,590,000	146,014,000	6,576,000	4.3%	4.8%
Indiana	3,259,062	3,112,421	146,641	4.5%	5.1%
Muncie MSA	56,020	53,119	2,901	5.2%	5.9%
EGR 6	168,824	159,803	9,021	5.3%	6.2%
Blackford County	6,840	6,459	381	5.6%	6.5%
Delaware County	56,020	53,119	2,901	5.2%	5.9%
Fayette County	11,570	10,671	899	7.8%	8.3%
Henry County	22,951	21,737	1,214	5.3%	6.2%
Jay County	12,092	11,617	475	3.9%	4.7%
Randolph County	12,944	12,224	720	5.6%	6.4%
Rush County	9,594	9,206	388	4.0%	4.5%
Union County	3,971	3,771	200	5.0%	5.5%
Wayne County	32,842	30,999	1,843	5.6%	6.8%
Muncie City	31,018	29,272	1,746	5.6%	6.5%
Richmond City	17,036	16,030	1,006	5.9%	7.2%

REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in November. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, 28 states recorded over the month unemployment rate increases, 10 states registered rate decreases, and 10 states had no change. In November, the Midwest again registered the highest unemployment rate among the four regions, 4.8 percent. Mississippi reported the highest unemployment rate in November, 7.5 percent, followed by Michigan, 6.9 percent, and South Carolina, 6.6 percent. Hawaii and Utah again recorded the lowest unemployment rates, 2.3 and 2.6 percent, respectively. Ten other states registered jobless rates below 3.5 percent. Seventeen states registered unemployment rates that were significantly below the U.S. rate in November, 7 states recorded measurably higher rates, and 26 states had rates that were statistically little different from that of the nation. Over the year, jobless rates were down in 37 states, up in 8 states, and unchanged in 5 states.

ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_higtm.htm

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf>

MUNCIE MSA

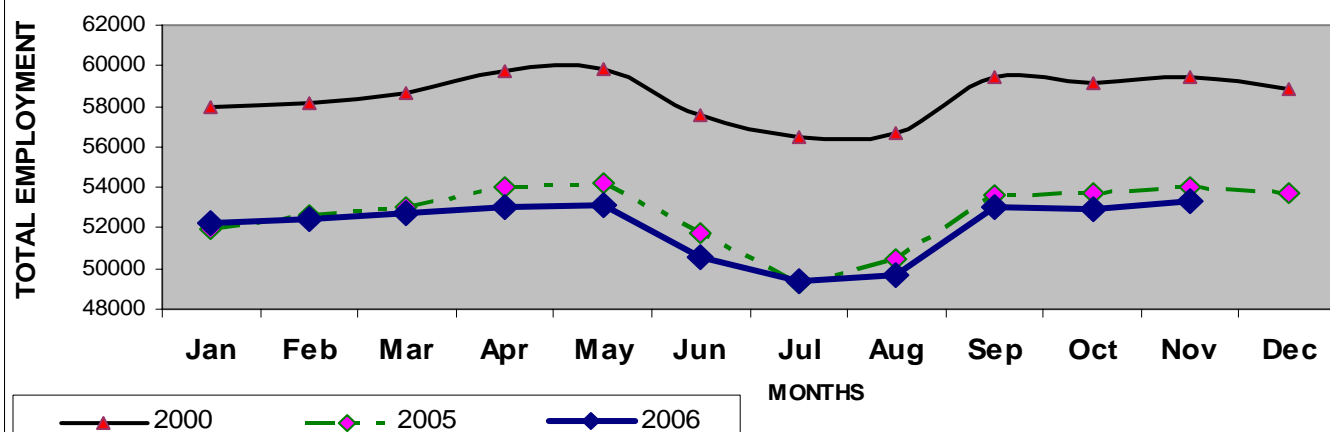
WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT



	Muncie MSA			CHANGE FROM			
	NOVEMBER 2006	OCTOBER 2006	NOVEMBER 2005	OCT. 2006 TO NOV. 2006		NOV. 2005 TO NOV. 2006	
Total Nonfarm	53,300	52,900	54,000	+400	+0.8%	-700	-1.3%
Total Private	40,400	40,100	40,900	+300	+0.7%	-500	-1.2%
Goods Producing	8,300	8,400	8,600	-100	-1.2%	-300	-3.5%
Service-Providing	45,000	44,500	45,400	+500	+1.1%	-400	-0.9%
Private Srvc Provide	32,100	31,700	32,300	+400	+1.3%	-200	-0.6%
Nat. Res & Construction	2,200	2,300	2,100	-100	-4.3%	+100	+4.8%
Manufacturing	6,100	6,100	6,500	+0	+0.0%	-400	-6.2%
Durable Goods	5,500	5,400	5,500	+100	+1.9%	+0	+0.0%
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	9,300	8,900	9,500	+400	+4.5%	-200	-2.1%
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,300	1,200	+0	+0.0%	+100	+8.3%
Retail Trade	6,800	6,400	7,100	+400	+6.3%	-300	-4.2%
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	1,200	1,200	1,200	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Information	400	400	400	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	2,000	2,000	2,000	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Professional and Business	4,000	4,100	4,000	-100	-2.4%	+0	+0.0%
Educational and Health	9,100	9,000	9,100	+100	+1.1%	+0	+0.0%
Health Care and Social	8,900	8,900	8,600	+0	+0.0%	+300	+3.5%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,400	5,400	5,400	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Other Services	1,900	1,900	1,900	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Government	12,900	12,800	13,100	+100	+0.8%	-200	-1.5%
State Government	8,300	8,200	8,300	+100	+1.2%	+0	+0.0%
Local Government	4,200	4,200	4,400	+0	+0.0%	-200	-4.5%
Local Govt Education	2,600	2,600	2,700	+0	+0.0%	-100	-3.7%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics.

MUNCIE MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



LOCAL EMPLOYMENT DYNAMICS

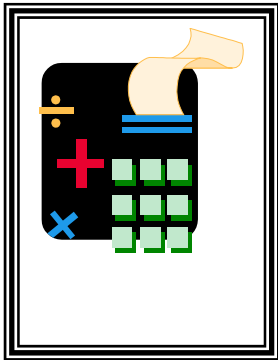
Local Employment Dynamics (LED), a partnership between the Indiana Department of Workforce Development and the U.S. Census Bureau, provides innovative demographic employment information (Quarterly Workforce Indicators) for local decision makers, economic development agencies, education and training institutions, and transportation agencies. The Quarterly Workforce Indicators (QWI) measure the performance of the local economy. Turnover*, separations, new hires, and average new hire earnings by county, metropolitan area, and Workforce Investment area are among the data items on the web site. The web address is:

<http://lehd.dsd.census.gov/led/>.

Select QWI On-line under Quick Links.



MONTHLY COMPARISON OF TOTAL CLAIMS BY LOCAL OFFICE



LOCAL OFFICE	November 2006	October 2006	Previous Month % Change	November 2005	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	6,279	7,325	-14.3%	6,678	-6.0%
Auburn	10,061	9,920	1.4%	8,283	21.5%
Connersville	2,823	3,073	-8.1%	2,604	8.4%
Fort Wayne	16,747	16,635	0.7%	14,142	18.4%
Marion	5,620	6,168	-8.9%	4,988	12.7%
Muncie	8,511	9,283	-8.3%	9,103	-6.5%
Richmond	3,214	3,214	0.0%	3,380	-4.9%
INDIANA	241,826	254,625	-5.0%	224,044	7.9%

APPLICANT POOL ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6

Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed. Report date January 12, 2007

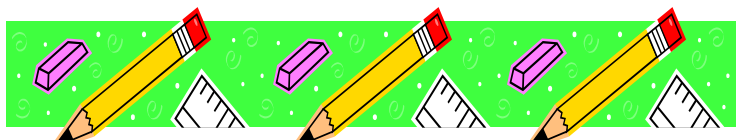
ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6* WAGE DEMAND

The Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3) performs matches between applicants seeking work and employers looking for new employees.

Wage Demand provides the applicants' desired wages and the number of applicants registered in CS3. The pool of applicants who are registered in the CS3 system is examined each week. Applicants define their wage expectations for the work that they would like to obtain. An average wage demand and median wage demand are calculated for the selected geographical area. The data are available from the state level to the county level. For other areas, check out our web site: <http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov> under Wage Demand on the Site Map/Index. *EGR 6 includes Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay, Randolph, Rush, Union, and Wayne Counties.

Job Title	Number of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	4,856
Production Laborers	3,826
All Other Machine Operators	3,272
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,697
Hand Packers & Packagers	2,399
All Other Hand Workers	2,384
Production Inspectors, Tester, Graders	1,789
Cashiers, General	1,622
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,574
All Other Metal & Plastic Mach Operators	1,540
All Other Machine Setters&Setup Operators	1,480
General Office Clerks	1,393
Order fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,370
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	1,356
Other Hand Material Movers	1,319
Machine Assemblers	1,310
Production Helpers	1,269
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,251
Packaging/Filling Machine Operators	1,241
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,200

AREA (01/12/07)	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number of Applicants
EGR 6	\$23,962	\$18,720	12,312
Blackford	\$23,031	\$18,720	1,093
Delaware	\$22,200	\$18,720	3,661
Fayette	\$25,173	\$20,800	1,062
Henry	\$19,719	\$18,720	2,145
Jay	\$27,798	\$18,720	762
Randolph	\$32,726	\$18,720	861
Rush	\$48,402	\$20,800	337
Union	\$24,733	\$22,880	183
Wayne	\$23,348	\$18,720	2,208



REGION 6 JOB OPENINGS

The following hourly wage information is for selected occupations that the Indiana Workforce Development offices in east central Indiana received during November 2006. The data are from the agency's Customer Self Service System (CS3) and Seagate Crystal reports software. Occupations are listed in descending order based on number of openings.

SELECTED NOVEMBER 2006 JOB OPENINGS & STARTING WAGES FOR EAST CENTRAL INDIANA

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES	MINIMUM WAGE	AVERAGE WAGE	MAXIMUM WAGE
Production Laborers & Assemblers	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00
Salesperson: Retail	6.50	7.50	9.00
Data Entry Keyers	7.00	9.75	12.51
Order Clerks	7.00	7.00	7.00
Guards and Watch Guards	9.00	10.28	13.00
Correction Officers and Jailers	9.00	11.98	13.94
Administrative Assistant	10.50	14.51	22.01
Electricians	13.00	17.69	22.19
Art, Drama, Music Teacher	8.65	20.79	26.44
Lathe and Turning Machine Operator	15.00	16.39	18.00
Tractor Trailer Truck Drivers	12.00	17.20	22.50
Truck Drivers Light including Delivery	7.50	9.88	15.00
Police Investigators - Patrollers	9.00	11.00	13.00
Accounting Clerks	11.51	14.08	15.37
Maintenance Repairer	12.02	14.69	16.35
Marketing Managers	24.04	29.65	38.46



Consumer Price Index

1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.8	-0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	1.5	-0.2	-0.9	-0.3
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.7	-0.7	0.3	

12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.4	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.5	4.8	4.1	3.0	3.2
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.8	0.6	0.1	1.3	

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



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